

ENVIRONMENTAL ATTRIBUTES

This document addresses “Environmental Attributes” as described in the government broad-based solicitation for Multiple Award Schedules (MAS) and the products discussed in this addendum include some energy using products sold by GSA. These products include ice cube machines, fluorescent lamps, fluorescent ballasts, fluorescent luminaries, industrial HID luminaries, compact fluorescent lamps, exit signs, water heaters (electric and gas), faucets, showerheads, toilets, urinals, transformers, residential windows and roof products.

Requirements for Identifying Energy Efficient Products:

GSA is committed to providing federal agencies with environmentally friendly and energy-efficient products. On June 3, 1999, Executive Order 13123 gave GSA, DLA and other federal agencies the following directives:

(Section 403.b.1) “Agencies shall select, where life-cycle cost-effective, ENERGY STAR® and other energy-efficient products when acquiring energy-using products. For product groups where ENERGY STAR® labels are not yet available, agencies shall select products that are in the upper 25 percent of energy efficiency as designated by the Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP).”

(Section 403.b.2) “GSA and the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), with assistance from EPA and DOE, shall create clear catalogue listings that designate these products in both print and electronic formats.”

(Section 403.b.3) “Agencies shall incorporate energy-efficient criteria consistent with ENERGY STAR® and other FEMP-designated energy efficiency levels into all guide specifications and project specifications developed for new construction and renovation, as well as into product specification language developed for Basic Ordering Agreements, Blanket Purchasing Agreements, Government Wide Acquisition Contracts, and all other purchasing procedures.”

To be in compliance with these directives, GSA will now require vendors with contracts for ice cube machines, fluorescent lamps, fluorescent ballasts, fluorescent luminaries, industrial HID luminaries, compact fluorescent lamps, exit signs, water heaters (electric and gas), faucets, showerheads, toilets, urinals, transformers, residential windows, and roof products to:

Only use the term “energy-efficient” in its GSA product listings if a product meets the criterion established by FEMP and/or ENERGY STAR®.

Clearly identify energy-using products that comply with ENERGY STAR® and/or FEMP-designated energy efficiency levels.

For hard copy or catalogued format data submittal, use appropriate logo to identify products that are ENERGY STAR® compliant or have FEMP-designated energy-efficiency levels. For products covered by both ENERGY STAR® and FEMP, only the ENERGY STAR® logo should be used. For products not covered by ENERGY STAR®, but covered by FEMP, the FEMP symbol should be used. The ENERGY STAR® logo is a registered trademark and can only be used by ENERGY STAR® partners, who have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with EPA. If the vendor is a distributor, the supplier may already be an ENERGY STAR® partner. Vendors should contact their suppliers or ENERGY STAR® at 1-888-STAR-YES about using the ENERGY STAR® logo and obtaining a copy of the ENERGY STAR® logo use guidelines.

For electronic data submittal, use the “Environmental Attributes” identification features in the SIP toolkit to identify products that comply with ENERGY STAR® and/or FEMP energy efficiency levels by:

Tagging the model with the ENERGY STAR® logo, which refers to the DOE/EPA’s ENERGY STAR® labeling program
OR

Tagging the model with the “EE”, which indicates compliance to EO 13123 – and FEMP’s-designated top 25th percentile level.

In the product description section of SIP, include the performance level of the efficiency metric for the product (e.g. EER, SEER, AFUE, COP, HSPF, annual kWh consumption).